

## State of Alabama

## The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors

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## MINUTES Board Meeting August 23, 2017

The Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors (ABEC) met on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at the Board's Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, at the request of the Alabama Electronic Security Board to discuss a licensing matter. Those Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors Board members in attendance were as follows: Mr. Jay Stutts (Board Chair), Mr. Mike Custred (Vice Chair), Mr. Richard Meadows (member), Mr. Chuck Turner (member) and Mr. Mark Lamborne (member). Board members not in attendance were Mr. Bruce Taylor, Mr. Terry Wallace, Mr. Ron Weaver and Mr. Gary Reaves. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (General Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren, Executive Director, and serving as recording secretary).

The special called meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Stutts, Board Chair, and a quorum was present to conduct business. The meeting was advertised on the Secretary of State's website, <a href="www.sos.alabama.gov">www.sos.alabama.gov</a>, in accordance with requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Members of the staff, special legal counsel and two Board members of the Alabama Electronic Security Board (AESB) joined the meeting at 1:28 p.m. The Board discussed the pending litigation involving the AESB and a recent licensee of the Alabama Board of Electrical Contractors. Mr. Frank Wilson, AESB special legal counsel, provided a brief explanation of the case.

Ms. Coody, ABEC General Counsel, reviewed, generally, the ABEC exemptions for licensing, along with the definitions of Electrical Contractors and electrical contracting in the Board's statute. Mr. Warren reported that the licensee had applied for his Alabama license through the ABEC's reciprocal agreement with Virginia, which requires verification regarding examination and licensing status. Mr. Warren explained that all pertinent ABEC rules and protocol were followed in granting this license, based on the reciprocal agreement ABEC has with the state of Virginia's licensing agency.

Mr. Wilson asked if the Board would offer an opinion to the AESB (one board to another board) about the exemption section. Ms. Coody indicated that AESB's statutory exemptions and the licensing of individuals in the industry were different from those of the ABEC. \_Mrs. Coody further explained that ABEC licenses persons only, not companies, entities or corporations. Mr. Warren stated that ABEC did not issue letters of exemption, although the Board may consider some modifications to the exemption section through the legislative process.

Mr. Wilson and Ms. Taunton, AESB Executive Director, thanked the Board members for meeting to discuss this matter.

The Board discussed rescheduling the September 11, 2017 meeting and Mr. Warren indicated he would poll the Board.

There was no further business of the Board and Mr. Stutts adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse P Stutts, III Board Chair

Keith E. Warren *Executive Director* 

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